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Proposed Amendments to Claim 1

1. (Amended Twice) A water electrolytic apparatus comprising a plurality of water electrolytic cells each having a solid polymer electrolyte membrane, an anode, and a cathode, the anode and the cathode being plate shaped and arranged on opposite sides of said electrolyte membrane, respectively, said water electrolytic cells being developed on a hypothetical plane and electrically connected in series to one another, wherein each of said water electrolytic cell, said solid polymer [electrolytic] electrolyte membrane, said anode, and said cathode are developed on respective hypothetical planes that extend parallel to one another and said anode and cathode have a uniform thickness throughout.